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DEVELOPMENT OF DRUG BY IICB FOR ASTHMATIC PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of ChemicalBiology, (IICB) a laboratory under the control of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, has developed a poly-herbal drug for asthmatic patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the new medicine has been given a clinical test ;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the said medicine has been put on sale in the market for the use of bronchial asthma patients;

(f) if so, the details thereof along with its price; and

(g) the response of the general public thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGYAND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) : Yes Sir, the poly-herbal formulation developed by the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology(IICB), Kolkata, a constituent unit of CSIR , has been licensed for commercial production.The product is being sold under the trade name of `Asmon`. IICB studies have shown that the formulation blocks both the leukotriene and lymphokine pathways which cause or contribute to bronchial asthma.

(c),(d)&(e) : The Licensee for the formulation carried out trials as per Ayurvedic procedures and put this on Sale in the market.

(f)&(g) : The formulation was licensed for commercial production in September, 2000 and the licensee is already into commercial production and has met with encouraging response. It is being sold by the firm in 200 ml bottle as also in 10 Capsules pack, the price of which is Rs. 70/- and Rs. 65/- respectively.